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PH PROGRAM NEWS

OCI Posts 2025 Cap Fund Certification Schedule

HUD's Office of Capital Improvements (OCI) has posted the following announcement about the capital fund certification schedule for next year at the top of the [OCI's home page](#):

As you may know, the Department is in the process of transitioning from the IMS-PIC system. To ensure that we have accurate data to calculate the FFY 2025 Capital Fund grant awards, the annual PIC certification process will run early this round - from March 1 through April 30, 2024. (To reiterate, we are asking PHAs to certify PIC data for FFY 2025 Capital Fund grants awards prior to the award of the FFY 2024 Capital Fund grant awards).

The "reporting date" for this round of certifications is February 29, 2024. During the certification period, PHA executive directors certify to the accuracy of the PHA's inventory information in the PIC system as of the reporting date of February 29. This process is critical to ensuring the accurate calculation of the FFY 2025 grant awards.

For further information, please refer to the [Step-by-Step User Guide](#). If you encounter issues in IMS/PIC, including issues submitting building and unit data for approval, please consult the information on known system issues and workarounds available on the [IMS/PIC](#) website.

Schedule:

Reporting Date: 2/29/2024
Certification Open: 3/1/2024
Certification Deadline: 4/30/2024

HUD Updates ESSG Webinar FAQs

HUD's Office of Capital Improvements ([OCI](#)) has [posted](#) an updated version of the frequently asked questions ([FAQs](#)) document that includes responses to the questions raised during the "Emergency Safety and Security Grant (ESSG) Application Process" webinar, held on February 1, 2024. The webinar discussed the details of Notice [PIH 2023-10](#) and provided guidance on submitting applications for the ESSG program by the deadline of March 27, 2024. Specifically, the updated FAQs document adds the final section, which includes questions and answers from the second webinar held on March 6, 2024.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Launches Website to Combat Source of Income Discrimination

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced the launch of a new website detailing protections against source of income discrimination for families with housing choice vouchers ([HCVs](#)). Source of income discrimination is the practice where landlords, owners, and real estate brokers refuse to rent to current or prospective qualified tenants with an HCV or other forms of public assistance.

According to a [letter](#) sent yesterday to executive directors, the [Source of Income Protections](#) website explains what source of income discrimination is and provides an interactive map that will make it easier for families, PHAs, and landlords to identify jurisdictions that are covered by source of income protections. There are also tips and resources for tenants and PHAs on what to do if source of income discrimination occurs, as well as strategies for how to reduce such discrimination.

As the press release states, source of income discrimination can, and often does, include other policies or practices that impact a potential renter's ability to attain housing using vouchers. In states and jurisdictions covered by existing source of income discrimination protections, refusal to accept vouchers and other public assistance to pay rent, or adding additional requirements, can constitute as a form of housing discrimination.

GENERAL NEWS

Biden Administration Releases Proposed HUD Budget for FFY 2025

On March 11, 2024, the Biden administration released its [proposed HUD budget for federal fiscal year \(FFY\) 2025](#). The budget proposal for HUD requests \$72.6 billion in discretionary funding, a 3.8 percent increase from FY 24 enacted levels. In addition, it requests \$165 billion over ten years for new mandatory affordable housing investments, including \$81.3 billion for HUD programs. Some highlights of the proposal include:

Discretionary funding requests:

- \$32.8 billion for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, which is approximately \$2.5 billion more than the 2024 annualized CR level. This includes \$241 million for new vouchers to help 20,000 more low-income individuals and families.
- \$8.5 billion for the Public Housing Fund, which is \$26 million more than the 2024 annualized CR level
- Within the Public Housing Fund, \$67 million is designated for competitive grants to remove lead-based paint hazards from public housing
- \$140 million for the Choice Neighborhoods program
- \$175 million for the Self-Sufficiency programs
- \$350 million for the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes
- \$112 million (up to \$50 million in TBRA and \$62 million in PBRA) for RAD conversions that promote the energy efficiency or climate resilience of properties
- \$86.4 million for fair housing programs

Mandatory funding requests:

- \$22.3 billion for housing vouchers to assist two low-income populations that are particularly vulnerable to homelessness.
 - \$13.1 billion to make housing vouchers available to all veterans with extremely low incomes
 - \$9.2 billion to provide guaranteed housing voucher assistance for all youth aging out of foster care beginning in 2026
- \$7.5 billion to modernize, substantially rehabilitate, and preserve existing, distressed public housing
- \$7.5 billion for critically needed new Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) contracts

To read the budget proposal, click [here](#). You can also read an accompanying [press release](#) that describes the administration's proposal for the upcoming fiscal year.



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